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1. EAST GERMAN COAL AND ENERGY MINISTER KLAUS SIEBOLD ARRIVED IN MAPUTO APRIL 13 FOR A TWELVE DAY VISIT IN MOZAMBIQUE HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY CONSER VATION IN THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE GOAL OF HIS TRIP IS THE SIGNING OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING COAL MINING LOCAL PRESS REPORTS DISCUSSIONS WITH A MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION LED BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER MARIO MACHUNGO AND IN CLUDING NATIONAL FINANCE DIRECTOR MAGID OSMAN, GEOLOGY AND MINES DIRECTOR RUI SANTOS GARCIA AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTER- NATIONAL COOPERATION JANET MONDLANE. SIEBOLD WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ON APRIL 20.

2. IN ANOTHER MINING DEVELOPMENT, THE SOVIET UNION AND MOZAMBIQUE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN LATE MARCH WHICH AUTHORIZES THE
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SOVIET ENTERPRISE TECHNIEXPORT TO UNDERTAKE A THREE YEAR STUDY OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN TETE, NAMPULA AND ZAMBEZIA PROVINCES. APPROXIMATELY SIXTY SOVIET EXPERTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY AND NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN SOVIET RESEARCH EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED FOR THEIR USE. PRINICPAL MINERALS TO BE STUDIED AND INVENTORIED WILL BE BAUXITE, COAL, COPPER GOLD NICKEL PEGMATITIES AND SYENITE, THE AGREEMENT WAS SINGED MT MS

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MONDLANE FOR MOZAMBIQUE, USSR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN MAPUTO
VLADIMAR VORONINE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT AND K KORNIENKO FOR TECHNOEXPORT
THE STUDY IS SCHEDULED TO NEGIN IN OCTOBER 1978.

3 COMMENT: MOZAMIQUE'S ONLY FUNCTIONING COAL MINE AT MOATIZE NEAR
TETE, PARTIALLY REOPENED IN MAY. IT HAD BEEN CLOSED LAST AUGUST
WHEN AN EXPLOSION KILLED ABOUT 70 MINERS. IT'S 1976-77 PRODUCTION
WAS SOLD MAINLY TO N. KOREA AND JAPAN. THE GPRM HAS TAKEN OVER
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE MINE AND WILL OPERATE IT WITH EAST
GERMAN AND ROMANIAN HELP. SIEBOLD VISITED MOATIZE AND TALKED WITH
GERMANS WORKING THERE.
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